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DIAMOND JUBILEE NEWS & PHOTOS

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FIGHT HOTS UP AGAINST HUGE WIND TURBINE

OVER ONE HUNDRED LETTERS IN PROTEST RECEIVED

A CAMPAIGN against plans to erect the largest wind turbine on the Blackdown Hills is stepping up.

John Hawker hopes to win permission from Mid Devon District Council to install the 34-metre green energy generator at Highlands Farm, Hemmock.

The council has received around 120 letters from the public with only one in support of the proposal.

Lisa Turner, planning officer for the Blackdown Hills

Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB), said: "We are supportive of small scale renewable energy schemes, provided there is no conflict with the special qualities of the hills.

"At 34 metres this turbine would fall into the 'medium category' and is the largest turbine application in the AONB to date."

The 50kw turbine costing around £250,000 with a blade diameter of around 63ft will power Mr Hawker's growing

meat and poultry business if permission is given.

Mr Hawker said: "According to our supplier, it will be very quiet and you will hardly be able to hear it. We have got to these days, whether people like it or not, get our energy from somewhere and if we can produce green energy, it has to be the way forward."

The Government class the turbine as 'small' and Mr Hawker's agent, Tristan Tonks, of Energy Descent Ltd, said many shorter wind turbines do not work properly.

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◆ **EMILIE** and **Gemma** will jump out of a plane on July 1st

Girls jump for charity

GEMMA Finlayson and **Emilie** Fensome will see their hometown, Honiton, from above when skydiving on Sunday, July 1st.

Gemma and Emilie work at The Paper Shop in Honiton, and will do their respective skydive in aid of Rainbow Trust, which supports families of children with life-threatening or terminal illness.

Emilie said: "We are doing the skydive in memory of Gemma's sister, Sarah."

"This charity [Rainbow Trust] was a significant help and support towards the family and Sarah whilst she was going through her battle with leukemia."

"Sadly, she died at the age of three, but without the help of Rainbow Trust things would have been a lot more difficult."

"We have already asked family, friends and customers for their support."

"We have spread the word by using Facebook and Twitter as well as having a Just Giving page."

None of them have skydived before but hope their initiative will raise a total of at least £1,500.

They said: "This charity really does mean a lot to us both."

The plane will take off from Dunkeswell and anyone wishing to sponsor Emilie and Gemma can do so by popping into the shop or visit www.justgiving.com/Gemma-finlayson-emilie-fensome.



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Pumps firm donates £1,500 to playground

AXMINSTER-based company **Lowara** donated £1,500 to the **Chardstock Park Trust** for improvements to the village playground.

The trust took over the playground in 2009 after it was closed down due to poor equipment and a loss of

insurance. They have since made drastic improvements, creating 70 per cent more space and installing a new swing set, tyre swing and climbing frame.

Trustees have lots more plans for the playground, including creating a separate play area for toddlers, installing a zip wire, football goal,

storage area and more wooden sculptures.

Duncan Lewis from hydraulic pumps company Lowara, along with colleague Mark Richards, who also is a member of the Park Trustees, presented a cheque to trust chairman Brendon Wellman and secretary Donna Jacobs on Thursday.



◆ **DUNCAN** Lewis and **Mark** Richards, of **Lowara**, present a cheque for £1,500 to **Chardstock Park Trust** chairman **Brendon** Wellman and secretary **Donna** Jacobs

Jubilee event's cash boost for school and pre-school

A **SCHOOL** and pre-school in the **Blackdown Hills** has received a cash boost from the local council.

The Friends of Churchstanton School and Churchinford Pre-school were given cheques to the value of £871 from Churchstanton Parish Council and Blackbird Productions.

The money was raised from the Diamond Jubilee Street Party held in Churchinford village on Bank Holiday Monday.

Over 200 children and adults enjoyed the varied activities and even better weather, with a street-party for the children in the afternoon leading into a night of live music, barbecue and lighting of the beacon at the appointed, nationally organised time.

The Friends will organise an outing for the whole school to a popular event and the pre-school will buy some digital equipment to be used by the children.

Lavinia Murray, chair of the Churchstanton Out of School Club also received a contribution of £175 for activities.



◆ **FROM** left, **Debbie** Cairns and **Sara** Moore, of the Friends of Churchstanton School and Churchinford Pre-school, receive the cheque from **Ken** Pearson, of Churchstanton Parish Council; **Amelia** Wood, manager **Lesley** Winter and **Isaac** Brooke, of Churchinford Pre-School, receive a cheque from **Andrew** Crabb, of Blackbird Productions

WORKING OUR WOODLANDS

Blackdown and East Devon Woodland Association with John Greenshields

I AM writing this in mid-June, and while I am pleased with all this rain for the trees and garden, I am a little worried for the Woodland Fair.

Also just met a great guy from West Scotland here on his holiday and it appears that while he has been here in the rain the sun has been shining where he lives!

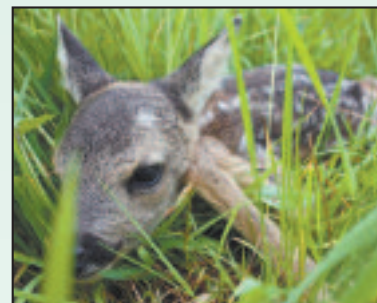
I am very concerned about the lack of apprentices coming to the forestry sector. We lot seem to be getting older and older. The lack of skills and training is also a worry, with guys doing jobs with no qualifications or training, which can cause friction with the public. It is hard work but very rewarding. We need to get more young guys away from office jobs and out in the woods. It does seem expensive to get all the equipment and qualifications but the work is well paid.

I was walking across a field of long grass the other day and a roe doe jumped up in front of me, nothing unusual in that you say. There, from where she got up, was her offspring, I would guess about 10-12 hours old. And of course I had no camera, so I ran back to get it.

On returning a buzzard flew up from the spot, and my heart sank, but when I got there, there seemed no damage. I took some photos, one below, without getting too close and walked away, but the buzzard returned, so I scared him off again.

I then spent the next three hours waiting for mother to return while keeping the raptor away. I saw them both again the other day and all is well. Young roe are heavily spotted and are often mistaken for fallow, they can get up and run 12 hours after birth and begin to nibble a few leaves after a couple of days. There is high mortality in young roe, from predators, harvesting machinery and parasites, but luckily young does often have twins. It is a shame that they have to be managed, but if not done correctly can cause considerable damage in woodland especially to young trees and shrubs, as any one will know if they have had one in their garden!

I hope you enjoy yourself at the Blackdown Woodland Fair. I would like to thank all the guys and girls that volunteer to help, along with the Forestry Commission and all the other sponsors for their support. Fingers crossed for the weather, see you there.



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◆ CHARLTON Athletic goalkeeper Ben Hamer is pictured with Buckland St Mary Primary School pupils

Charlton keeper's inspirational talk

CHARLTON Athletic goalkeeper Ben Hamer visited the children at Buckland St Mary Primary School to talk about his career.

The 24-year-old professional footballer, who

is a former Manor Court and Holyrood pupil and Chard Town player, was quizzed by the children on his childhood, his career and his aspirations.

The children then got to take a shot at goal

and had the opportunity get his autograph.

Beech Class teacher Rachael Auton said that Ben gave a very inspirational talk about following your dreams and working hard to get where you would to in life.

PR firm finalist in fierce competition

BLACKDOWN Hills-based PR firm, Reverberate PR, has been announced as a finalist in the hotly-contested Outstanding Small Consultancy category of the 2012 CIPR Excellence Awards.

The awards are organised by the Chartered Institute of Public Relations and are the most prestigious and competitive awards for the public relations industry.

Judges were impressed with the rapid, recent growth of the business, based in Smeatharpe, near Honiton, and by its commitment to staff development and community and charity work.

Reverberate, run by husband-and-wife team Philip and Melanie Gibson, specialises in providing PR, writing, design and photography services to the agriculture and food supply chain. The business works with a wide portfolio of national and international clients and in the last twelve months has increased turnover by 88 per cent, as well as doubling staff numbers from two to four.

Sally Sykes FCIPR, President of the CIPR, said: "The competition was fiercer than ever, producing exceptionally high quality entries — which are particularly impressive considering

the economic challenges we continue to face."

Philip Gibson, Managing Director of Reverberate, said: "I am very proud that the hard work of our team has been recognised by the CIPR judges — it's a huge achievement to be a finalist against such tough competition".

The Reverberate team attended the black-tie dinner for around 800 guests, rubbing shoulders with British Olympic Medallist Colin Jackson CBE, who was compère for the evening, along with other VIPs from the world of sports and athletics including Sharron Davies MBE, Mark Foster and Adrian Moorhouse OBE.

Arrest of man, 26, after cannabis find

A 26-YEAR-OLD man was arrested at a residential property on the Highfield Estate in Dunkeswell when police found a cannabis cultivation set-up in an upstairs room.

On Thursday, May 31st a warrant was issued under the Misuse of Drugs Act allowing police to enter the property. The man was bailed to appear at Heavitree Road Police Station at a later date.

PCSO Phil Anning said: "This is

another positive result in the disruption of supply and used of drugs in our area."

On the same day local police and specialist officers from the road crime unit carried out a traffic operation in Dunkeswell, carrying out stop checks on vehicles to assess roadworthiness, driving and document offences. The majority of vehicles stopped were all in order, with only a few minor offences being highlighted.

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Minor injuries for duo in light aircraft's crash

TWO people were taken to hospital with minor injuries after a light aircraft crashed into a field at Upottery.

The plane came down just before 5pm on Saturday, June 9th and emergency services rushed to the scene.

A police spokesperson said: "The two occupants walked away from the crash with minor injuries and were taken by ambulance to Musgrove Park Hospital in Taunton.

"The matter has been referred to the Air Accident Investigation Branch."

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Young 'king and queen' open school's new cabin

STAFF and children at Offwell Primary School embraced the Queen's Diamond Jubilee celebrations with a number of activities.

The events began with the Offwell School Diamond Jubilee Street party where the school played host to a celebratory afternoon with staff and children dressed in red, white and blue, with bunting and flags all over the site. Children enjoyed jubilee treats and party goodies, donated by the parents.

Next came the official grand opening of the school's new log cabin by 'HRH King Dominic and Queen Lila' — the youngest boy and girl at the primary school.

The children treated onlooking crowds to a royal sing-along whilst the young king and queen sat on their thrones and then cut the ribbon to officially open the cabin.

Another major highlight of the celebrations was the grand jubilee balloon launch where each child wrote a personal message to The Queen and attached it to their red, white and blue balloons. The many children at the school launched hundreds of balloons into the sky, as they sang the national anthem.

The Parents, Teachers Association (PTA) would like to thank everyone for their support throughout the jubilee celebrations including the jubilee cake stall which helped to raise over £180.

A spokesperson for Offwell Primary School PTA said: "As a small school we are extremely fortunate to have such lovely supportive parents and guardians who attend, bake, make, buy and support the PTA in everything we do. "This level of continued support allows our children to experience events like the Diamond Jubilee Street Party."

The fun didn't stop at the events however, as members of Offwell Primary School are now looking to get votes after entering the The Jubilee Time Capsule Competition.

The competition is an online time capsule giving people across the globe a unique chance to create a digital jubilee gift for The Queen.

The public are invited to select a memorable day between February 6th 1952 and June 6th 2012 and contribute videos, stories and photographs to explain why the memory is important to them.

The very best entries will be curated into a collection of digital memories shown to a special panel of judges and then the winners will be shown to The Queen later this year.

To vote for Offwell Primary School's entry in the competition, visit www.jubileetimecapsule.org and search the primary school's page.



◆ CHILDREN, teachers, parents and helpers of Offwell Primary School enjoy a number of events to celebrate The Queen's Diamond Jubilee

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YOUR DIAMOND JUBILEE

Villagers celebrate in style at manor house

QUEEN Elizabeth I gave Sheafhayne Manor in Yarcombe to Sir Francis Drake for services to the country, and thanks to the generosity of David and Nicola Meyrick, Yarcombe was fortunate to celebrate the diamond jubilee of Queen Elizabeth II in style in their historic Manor House.

Events started with a Murder Mystery evening on Saturday, June 2nd followed a jubilee church service and lunch party, street style, on the Sunday.

Rev Alastair McCullom led the service playing some of the hymns on his guitar and with Maggie Lane accompanying the others on the keyboard. Joan Ewins read the lesson and prayers were said by Anna Podbery and Lesley Pidgeon.

During a break—during which Alastair had the difficult task of judging the children's fancy dress contest—food, which was provided by all who attended, was brought indoors.

After lunch the children had an entertainer keeping them occupied, and the opportunity to jiggle off their lunch on the bouncy castle between showers. Adults made their way to the dining room in the Manor House to watch the big screen set up to show the regatta on the River Thames, or brave the elements for a game of croquet.

Later, 500 ducks were set free under Howley Bridge and made their way down the River Yarty negotiating treacherous currents and hidden obstacles, chased by a posse of duck 'herds' to the finishing line where the judges had to decide which duck had won.

Monday evening saw villagers making their way to the beacon where the pig roast and bar were packed with customers and a bouncy castle, greasy pole and skittles were on offer. Yarcombe beacon was lit and a firework display finished the celebrations off.



◆ VILLAGERS of all ages enjoyed the Combe Raleigh garden party on Bank Holiday Monday

80 people join party in garden

COMBE Raleigh villagers and friends celebrated the Queen's Diamond Jubilee on Bank Holiday Monday by holding a garden party in the village.

Over 80 people enjoyed the celebrations, with jubilee tables decorated in red, white and blue full of delicious jubilee treats brought along by local families.

Children enjoyed party games such as pass-the-parcel and musical chairs followed by country dancing.

During the afternoon St Nicholas Church was open to all, showing a range of interesting Combe Raleigh memorabilia gathered from the Devon Records Office. Many villagers added their own historic items which added to the display.



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A View from the clubs

A most magical meeting in June for ladies

"MOST magical" would be a good description of the presentation by Kay Wyck at the Sampford Arundel WI June meeting.

She said her job was the best in Somerset, and she had the best 'office' as a guide at Glastonbury Abbey.

As she spoke, she became a 19th Century photographer, then a 16th Century scullery maid and took members back to difficult eras for women. She was dressed in the clothes of the earlier time — only being allowed to wear drab colours and hand-me-downs.

Her husband became one Richard Pollard, a King's Commissioner, responsible for the deaths of the Abbot and the destruction of the Abbey, seemingly careless of the harm he was also doing to the town and its people. Altogether, a wonderfully entertaining, yet amusing and moving true-to-life performance.

"Most magical" could also describe members' activities since their last



meeting. The painting day was greatly enjoyed, another is in the pipe-line.

Members had visited 'Adam's Farm' finishing with a splendid WI tea. There was an informal discussion of the annual meeting in the Royal Albert Hall, with Sir Julian Fellowes as a speaker — the other

speaker, an inspirational doctor of astrophysics who encouraged girls to study physics, carried her two-year-old child as she spoke — a first for the WI.

Members had celebrated the jubilee, some had joined with Sampford's own event and unveiling, and had gone to the



beacon at Culmstock, then they all had a good time together with bubbly and a splendid cake, pictured above.

Lots of goodies still to come — lunch at Lake View on June 25th, village quiz on June 21st, and the county WI quiz on July 25th. A walk in August, and a theatre trip in October.

The village fete will be held on July 7th. It's always a good show to visit, and it's a fund raising opportunity.

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Lack of butterflies and 'my' swallows are not nesting — it is most peculiar

IT is baffling that "my" swallows at home are not nesting and only seem to appear on odd occasions.

This year something has seriously disturbed their pattern and I can only think it has been the bizarre weather pattern... a hot sunny April followed by endless rains, floods and cold winds.

However, one reader, Brian Vaughton, writes to tell me that he has "something" nesting in an odd location... an electricity meter in an outside box! He recently opened it to discover a five-inch-deep nest of moss, the home, he suspects, of a mouse which had gained access by following the cables into the box. Fortunately, the inmate had chosen not to gnaw through the wires!

On a more serious note, Devon Wildlife Trust (DWT) has launched a campaign to recruit Friends of Marine Conservation Zones. Some 127 such zones have been recommended to the Government for protection, of which 16 are found

off Devon, including the rocky reefs of Lyme Bay, the coastland of Hartland Point to Tintagel and the Tamar Estuary.

These are wildlife rich sites but all are suffering degradation and need, urgently, to be protected. However, the Government has now stalled designation of any sites until 2013, claiming that there is a lack of evidence and, worse still, there are indications that only a small number of sites will eventually be designated.

Typical Civil Service lack of imagination or is it perhaps pressure from interests who would prefer the status quo to remain? Either way it is intolerable and must be overcome.

Every one of the 127 sites urgently needs protection to cover habitat and species. Wildlife trust sites on land are fully protected but it seems that those designated beneath the sea are out of sight and so out of mind.

The DWT hopes to inspire individuals, companies and organisations to stand up for the

marine sites around Devon. It took more than 34 years to get protection for sites on land and it is essential that the threatened marine sites do not have to wait as long before action is taken.

To find out more about local recommended Marine Conservation Zones, and to sign up to be a friend, go to www.wildlifetrusts.org/MCZfriends.

Once again, a sensible and urgently required conservation scheme is being thwarted by Government intransigence and, bluntly, stupidity!

The Blackdown Hills AONB team will certainly need some decent weather in July to support their proposed wildflower sketching and map reading activities! On Saturday, July 7th there will be an introduction to map reading at Membury Village Hall, which follows on from last November's beginners' course, although it's suitable for anyone with some basic knowledge.

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followed by a walk around Membury to practice skills.

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I have also heard from Richard Whiteside who, with his wife Alison, runs Wildside Experience. He tells me that he has a walk on Saturday, July 14th, scheduled to look for nightjars, glow-worms. An earlier walk, which I mentioned and was to take place on June 7th, had to be postponed due to desperate weather, but was rescheduled for a week later and provided a fine sighting of a nightjar, churring and

flying close by, while several more were spotted, plus young tawny owls and pipistrelle bats.

The meeting place for the July outing is the Forestry Commission car park near Crossways Farm on Blackdown Common (map reference ST124166). For further information call 01823 680931 or go to www.wildsideexperience.co.uk.

On the butterfly and moth front the story is fairly dire from my perspective. I have seen not a single brimstone, that lovely yellow butterfly (the female is white) which is usually a harbinger of spring, and while orange-tips were well represented in April, there have been only a handful of red admirals.

A few meadow browns are showing when the rains halt, but that has been the sum total so far on my patch. Tortoiseshells are now a rarity and I have not seen a peacock, yet all these were so commonplace a few years ago. As for moths... where are they? There was a time when security lights would be a-flutter

with a variety of moths and there was always the chance of seeing a hawkmoth round the flowers in the late evening. Now, nothing. It is so sad.

This, too, is the first year I can recall when swallows have failed to nest in the barn. A pair have appeared and are seen perching on the telephone wires and swooping for insects, but they have made no attempt to nest. It is most peculiar.

Have any readers experienced a similar phenomenon I wonder? Three years ago we had three pairs nesting, each double brooded so that by the end of the summer the air was filled with swallows, old and young. Now, nothing.

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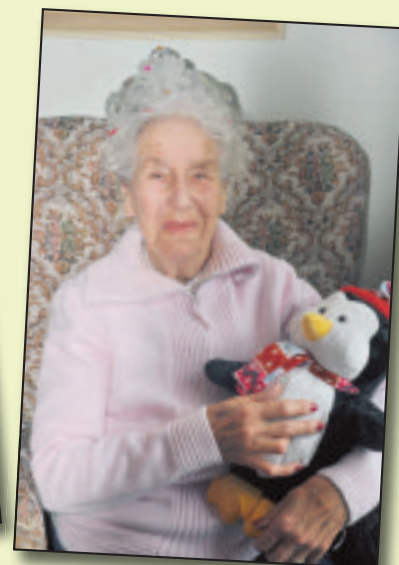
Then back at Clarondene, the flags and bunting went up in preparation for the Jubilee: in the garden, on the balcony, along the corridor and all over the lounge. We watched with pleasure and pride all the Queen's engagements that weekend, although we add our voices to those disappointed with the BBC coverage of the River Pageant.

The residents planned and prepared our Tuesday Jubilee Party,

making paper chains and blow up balloons in red, white and blue, and planning the Menu. Diana helped them organise the games, most of which we didn't use because everyone was too busy chatting. 'Pin the Flag on the Castle' made by Cyril was popular, Frank won 'Pass the Parcel', and Millie won 'Name the Penguin' with the name JUBILEE - what else! We loved the Union Jack cake Polly made and drank a toast to the Queen with fizzy fruit punch full of chopped fresh fruits.

Now we have all the tennis and football to get excited about, so we have left up all the bunting, flags and paper-chains. Several Union Jack flags have been quietly swapped for England's red and white as we cross our fingers for England in Europe and a rain-free Wimbledon. Then we start the Olympics!

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Intro to map reading skills

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Other events in July include the Blackdown Hills Woodland Fair, Goren Farm wildflower weekends, the Big Bat Survey, butterfly walks and craft courses. For full details, see the Blackdown Hills Countryside Events programme which is available from local tourist information centres, libraries, pubs and shops. Request a copy by calling 01823 680681, or see full listings online at www.blackdownhillsaonb.org.uk.

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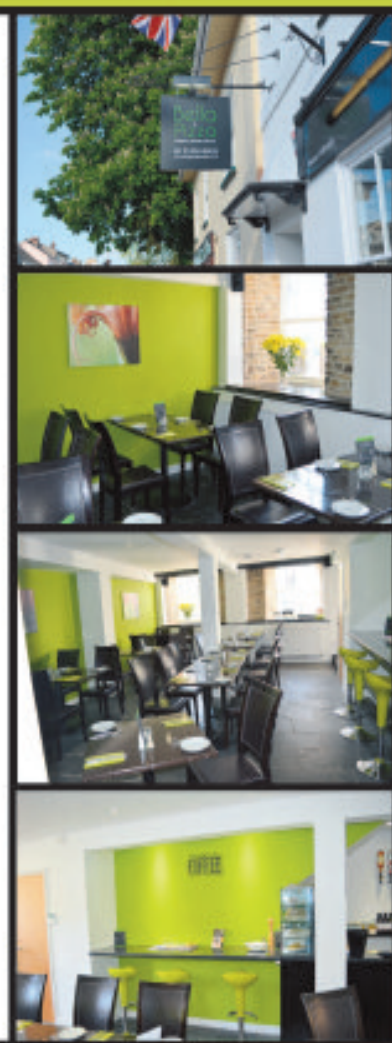
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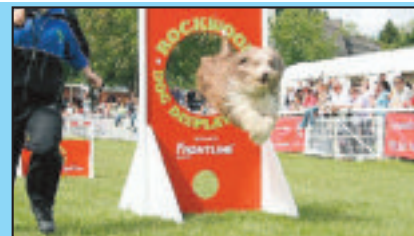
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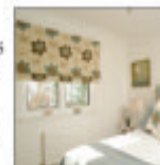
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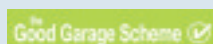


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A period stone detached cottage in an idyllic rural south facing location. Open plan kitchen/dining/living room, sitting room, 4 bedrooms. Detached studio and open fronted garage. Gardens and delightful views. Ref: 52269

Guide price £420,000

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A beautifully appointed detached family home set in private part walled gardens together with ample parking. Hall, sitting room, study, kitchen/family room, utility, cloakroom, 4 beds (1 with en-suite and balcony and family bathroom. Ref : 47212

Guide price £385,000

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**UFFCULME**

A newly built three bedroom detached bungalow internally fitted to a high specification and set within a small cul-de-sac close to the village centre. Sitting room, kitchen/dining room. Detached garage & ample parking. Enclosed private gardens. Ref: 51856

Guide price £319,000

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